

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment, submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 19, 2007, and Advisory Action dated October 10, 2007, is believed to be fully responsive to each point of rejection raised therein. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that claims 5, 6 and 10 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten claims 5, 6, and 10 in independent form. Therefore, claims 5, 6 and 10 should now be allowed. In addition, Applicant has canceled claims 1-4, 7-9, and 11-14 from the application. Therefore, Applicant submits that the application is now in a condition for allowance.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4, 7-9, and 11-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Falkenstein (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0080445; hereinafter “Falkenstein”). As indicated above, claims 1-4, 7-9, and 11-14 have been canceled from the application. Consequently, the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-9, and 11-14 is now moot.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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